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Mr. Gary S. Hartman
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Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am writing to provide comments on the Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant. The Y-12 Plant has had a long-term impact on Loudon County as a good neighbor and an employer of our citizens. It has had an even greater impact on our nation, having played a critical role in our national security.

The Department of Energy's analysis of the future of the Y-12 Plant as presented in this Draft SWEIS is commendable. We strongly support upgrades of existing Y-12 facilities and construction of new facilities at Y-12 for the critical missions presented in this Draft SWEIS.

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Comment noted.

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The modernization of the Y-12 Plant is important to Loudon County, our region and the nation. Safety and health concerns of the region will be minimized. The operations will be more cost effective and environmentally sound. In short, modernization of the Y-12 Plant will ensure the long-term viability of the facilities and processes that are critical to its unique national security mission.

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Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Loudon County Executive



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